IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS BROWNSVILLE DIVISION

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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VS.

CRIMINAL NO. B-12-81

JAIME RAMON DE LEON-CERVANTES §

<u>ORDER</u>

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on July 9, 2012, the Court granted Defendant's oral motion to withdraw his guilty plea. This order memorializes that ruling.

Defendant is charged with one count of illegal re-entry into the United States in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and (b). Dkt. No. 6. On February 8, 2012, Defendant pleaded guilty by a written plea agreement. *See* Dkt. No. 13. On July 9, 2012, Defendant moved to withdraw his plea because he recently learned he may derivatively qualify for U.S. citizenship. The Government was unopposed to the motion.

A district court may permit a defendant to withdraw a guilty plea at any time prior to sentencing upon a showing of a "fair and just reason." Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(d)(2)(B); see United States v. Hurtado, 846 F.2d 995, 997 (5th Cir. 1988); United States v. Benavides, 793 F.2d 612, 616 (5th Cir. 1986). The Court found Defendant's opportunity to pursue U.S. citizenship a fair and just reason to allow withdrawal of the plea, and **GRANTED** Defendant's motion. See Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(d)(2)(B).

Defendant also moved, unopposed, to continue his trial settings to September. Defendant signed a waiver of his Speedy Trial Limits on July 9, 2012. Dkt. No. 21. Based on the foregoing and pursuant to the provisions of the Speedy Trial Act, the Court **GRANTED** Defendant's request finding that the "ends of justice served by taking such action[s] outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial." 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). The period of delay caused as a result of the granting of Defendant's motions shall be excluded in computing the time within which the trial of this case must commence. *Id.* § 3161(h). The case was **RESET** as follows:

Motions due by:

August 6, 2012

Responses due by:

August 15, 2012

Motion Hearing before Judge Recio: August 17, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Docket Call and Final Pretrial Conference: August 28, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Jury Selection: August 30, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

DONE at Brownsville, Texas, July 10, 2012.

Hilda G. Tagle

United States District Judge